

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Amendment No. 14 is divided into two parts, the first part being lines 1 through 3 and the second part being lines 5 through 7. The amendment is open for discussion.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: Mr. Chairman, if the first part of this now divided question is adopted, and the second part is not adopted, do we not end up with an inconsistency in that we have used county elections in two places in the Committee Recommendation, but if the Committee of the Whole should take that action—

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): It would mean we would have a standard situation over all the State rather than what is now divided.

Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: Mr. Chairman, my point is this: If that portion of the amendment in lines 1 through 3 were to be adopted, it would mean inserting county officials in line 22 in the second paragraph of section 7 of the Committee Recommendation. But if lines 5 through 7 of the amendment were to be defeated, that would mean the word "county" would remain in line 27 in the third paragraph of the Committee Recommendation, thus creating an inconsistency. Therefore, I wonder whether or not the question is truly divisible.

DELEGATE DUKES: If there is any question, I would be happy to have the sponsor strike the second part.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Parliamentarian advises me that there are two different questions in the amendment and that they certainly can be voted on separately, even if they do create an inconsistency.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the House. Would the Chair give permission to the Baltimore City delegates in the Committee of the Whole to assemble outside in the lounge for a few moments to discuss one aspect of this entire matter?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): If there is no objection, that permission is granted.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Byrnes.

DELEGATE BYRNES: Mr. Chairman, can we have a quorum call so we can round up the ones who are around?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The absence of a quorum has been suggested. Would everyone present indicate their presence? You did not suggest the absence of a quorum. Just ring the bell. The roll call will not be necessary. Absence of a quorum was not suggested. The gentleman just asked that we ring the quorum bell.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Schloeder.

DELEGATE SCHLOEDER: Mr. Chairman, now that the City delegation is meeting in caucus, I wonder if the majority of the Committee could have some sort of colonial act or legislative act to sit in on those proceedings?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Does anyone desire to speak on the amendment?

Delegate Macdonald.

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Mr. Chairman.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair recognizes Delegate Macdonald.

DELEGATE MACDONALD: In view of the fact that the very important contingent of this Committee of the Whole is not present, I would move that the Committee rise for the purpose of asking the Convention to take a short recess until our delegates from Baltimore City return. I think this question before the Convention is important and that they should be here to hear the very valuable debate.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair would suggest they will be only a very few moments probably and if we wait a minute, I think they will be right back here.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Kiefer.

DELEGATE KIEFER: Mr. Chairman, while the Baltimore City delegation is out, do you suppose it would be appropriate at this point for us to submit a little amendment that Delegates Weidemeyer, Hostetter and I have had in the back of our pockets a long time, namely, to re-establish the monarchy?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Scanlan.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: In this interlude, I can report that for the first time in this Convention my colleague, Delegate Weidemeyer has become shy. He has a per-